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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 27, 2004, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer accompanied by the required fee.

REMARKS

Claims 11-21 are pending in the application. Claims 11-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 5